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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4990

INFO SECDEF WASHDC //ASD/ISA (DSAA)//

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1673

E.O. 11652: GDS 31 DEC 1982

TAGS:

SUBJ: US RESPONSE TO SINGAPORE REQUEST

REFS: A. STATE 077888 AND PREVIOUS? B. SINGAPORE 1059 AND  
PREVIOUS; C. SECDEF/ISA 2294; D. USDAO SINGAPORE 0525

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES BOTH DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE MESSAGES.  
YOUR DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES  
UNDERSTOOD HERE AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORTS  
TO ASSIST THE GOS IN ITS PREPARATION FOR A FUTURE FRAUGHT WITH  
DIFFICULT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. WE FEEL OBLIGATED TO COMMENT ON REFERENCE (A):

(A) C-130: WE HAVE INFORMED SECDEF THAT GOS CONTINUES TO BE  
VITALLY INTERESTED IN ACQUISITION OF USED C-130S (REF D).

(B) LST: PLEASE ACT QUICKLY ON THIS APPROVAL. PERMANENT SECRE-  
TARY MINDEF PANG CALLS DATT ALMOST DAILY ASKING ABOUT STATUS.

(C) APC: REVIEW OF THIS BY EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE SALE OF APC  
IN QUANTITY REQUESTED. TOTAL FORCE CREATED IS JUST SLIGHTLY  
LARGER THAN U.S. MECHANIZED BRIGADE, NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO  
THREATEN ANY NEIGHBORING NATION.

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(D) ROCKEY: GOS MINDEF DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ATTEMPT BY

SINGAPORE TO ACQUIRE ROCKEYE EITHER THROUGH DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALE OR UNDER FMS. GOS MINDEF FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT WEAPON SALES ARE ROUTINELY CONDUCTED UNDER FMS THROUGH DAO SINGAPORE. IN VIEW PRECEDING, DO NOT UNDERSTAND EXPORT LICENSE REQUEST BY MARQUARDT CORP. FOR SALE OF ROCKEYE TO GOS.

3. WE ARE CONTINUING TO STUDY TOTAL GOS MILITARY PROGRAMS. DAO IS WORKING ON STUDY AND REVIEW NOW. INITIAL REACTION IS THAT PROGRAM IS REALISTIC AND TOTALLY DEFENSIVE IN NATURE AND BASED ENTIRELY ON THE SURVIVAL PRINCIPLE THAT STANDING AND FIGHTING WILL GIVE TIME FOR SUPER POWERS TO ACT. WE GATHER FROM EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR THAT GOS MILITARY PURCHASES AT PRESENT LEVELS ARE NOT CONSIDERED OBJECTIONABLE, AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF GOS FORWARD DEFENSE STRATEGY WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN EVENT OF MAJOR AND IRREVERSIBLE DETERIORATION IN SECURITY SITUATION TO THE NORTH. WE CONSIDER THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE IN U.S. INTEREST TO HAVE SINGAPORE IN POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF. HOLDRIDGE

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